

half of mutually interacting arresting means (40, 42) for arresting the lid in the screwed on position.

The lid in Hopkins is not intended to be screwed on the container. According to the description page 2, col. 1, lines 24 to 41, the mounting of the lid to the container is done by positioning the lid on the mouth of the container and striking the lid downwardly with a sharp blow.

It also appears from page 2, col. 1, lines 42 to 45, that the neck of the container is preferably provided not only with discontinuous ridge, but also with a continuous ridge which is circular and non helical.

Although the figures of Hopkins make it seem like the closing means therein is similar to the closing means of the present invention, it is obvious that they are not the same.

In Fig. 8 of Hopkins the lid is provided with four nibs while the container is only provided with three "interruptions". It is therefore not possible to screw the lid into locked position in this embodiment.

Further, there are no screw threads on the container according to Hopkins since the ridges have no pitch (the ridges are parallel to the upper edges of the container). Therefore, it is not possible to make a relative turning movement between the lid (6) and the container body (4), whereby the underside of the lid (6) is pressed against the rim (20). The lid is not provided with threads either, but with a number of nibs, which nibs are parallel with the surface of the lid (the nibs have no pitch).

In Hopkins it is only possible in one embodiment to press by hand the lid against the mouth of the container with the nibs passing through the "interruptions" and then twist the lid to let the nibs engage with the underside (far side) of the ridges parallel to the upper edges of the container. The projection (40) of Figure 4 in Hopkins prevents the lid from unintentional opening, but it will not indicate when the lid is sufficiently closed to the container.

If one tries to apply the lid to the container of the present invention with a "sharp blow," the screw threads on the lid, the screw threads on the container, or both, would likely be damaged.

The present invention makes it possible to screw the lid on and off several times without damaging the lid, the container or the screw threads and at the same time an audible click will indicate that the lid is locked to the container in a tight position.

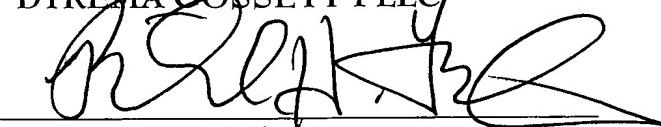
Krueger cannot overcome these basic deficiencies in Hopkins.

Favorable reevaluation is requested.

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